

International Engagement Update

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Introduction

This paper is designed to update Council on International Engagement activities of InternetNZ, for their information and to enable them to give any advice, input and share understanding with management. Matters are broadly in order of priority, and there are three sections:

- Items to note - any significant issues or commitments you should be aware of
- Key recent travel - a synopsis of travel and engagement activities in the past quarter, for your information
- Key future commitments - any key International commitments over the next six months (full outline of the travel calendar is in the Management Issues report)
- ICANN reports

Items to Note

The key theme this quarter has been Christchurch Call-related work.

Internet and Jurisdiction Project

The INZ group has made commitments to being a part of international 'contact groups', which form around advisory and work collaboration on the key area of work for this project. Commitments are as follows:

CE: Domains and Jurisdiction

CAI: Content and Jurisdiction (due to link to Christchurch Call and terrorism/violent extremism content)

Domain Name Commissioner: Domains and Jurisdiction

Christchurch Call

We are a part of the Advisory Network, which has now been established, and focus is on constructive engagement with that Network as well as with NZG directly to provide advice and expert input into the next steps.

ICANN

Chris Dispain will be coming off the board (as one of the two directors appointed by the ccNSO) and it's worth noting that discussions are ongoing about Board nominations and who InternetNZ supports for this important space.

Key Recent Travel

Christchurch Call Related

This was a light quarter of International engagement travel, with Christchurch Call related travel being the only key travel undertaken in Quarter 2, including:

- July meeting at Twitter HQ with countries, companies and civil society
- September meetings and workshop around UNGA Christchurch Call side meeting

Connected with the Call, Jordan spoke at the eSafety conference in Sydney in September.

Key Future Commitments

Key commitments over the coming months include group attendance at **ICANN** as well attendance by the CE and Chief Advisor International at the **Internet Governance Forum**.

ICANN, as always, is a key commitment, with relevant work related to the .nz policy review as well as the .nz registry project expected in Montreal and Cancun in March 2020.

The Internet Governance Forum will be the next staging point in the Christchurch Call work, with meetings of the Advisory Network as well as broader industry and government engagement. We are providing advice and encouraging the NZ government to ensure appropriate attendance at this important IGF, where NZ is seen as leading in the Internet governance space.

A couple new commitments of note over the next six months include: the restart of an **Australian IGF initiative**, called NetThing, which the CE will attend in

October; and the Policy Director will attend an **Internet Society Policymaker Fellowship programme** at the IETF in Singapore in November.

ICANN reports

The reports for the last two ICANN meeting, in Kobe March 2019 and Marrakech in June 2019 are attached.

ICANN64 Kobe

Delegation Report

Summary

The .nz delegation at ICANN's 64th public meeting in Kobe, Japan comprised Jordan Carter, Brent Carey, Ellen Strickland and David Morrison, as well as three InternetNZ Councillors: Joy Liddicoat, Amber Craig and Kelly Beuhler. Keith Davidson attended in part for his personal work with Vanuatu, but also participated in some InternetNZ discussions and supported the delegation where he was able.

The meeting overall was focused on introducing InternetNZ's new strategy and goals. The meeting as a whole had a heavy focus on policy and process, with discussion of ICANN's planning and strategy work being a focus.

Key themes and developments

Key themes and developments which relate to InternetNZ's strategy, goals for the coming year and ongoing work were as follows.

ICANN's post-meeting [Policy Report](#) may be of interest, as may CENTR's [meeting report](#).

ccNSO PDP retirement WG

This PDP is about how to "retire" a ccTLD - how to remove such a domain from the root zone once it is no longer listed in the ISO 3166 list of two letter country codes. Timeline has been extended, with slow progress. The revised timeline foresees the conclusion of the work by Q1 2022. An interim report is expected by October 2020.

New GTLD Subsequent Procedures Working Group and Work Track 5

New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP processes continue, with subgroup analysis finishing soon including that of Work Track 5 (of most interest to us as geographic names at the top level). The full Working Group is completing an in-depth analysis to determine how to take into account the comments received and what changes, if any, need to be made to the recommendations contained in the Final Report, which is expected later this year.

General Data Protection Regulation and EPDP

This work continued, with Phase 1 of the EPDP's work being adopted by the GNSO just before the meeting. Discussion is now on to Phase 2, which is about the framework for access to registration data. Key tensions will be about who is granted access - the same key tension that has been apparent for the whole debate.

Emerging Identifiers Technology

DNS technologies over secure transports: DNS over TLD (DoT) and DNS over HTTPS (DoH) were covered in an important session, Presentations here <https://64.schedule.icann.org/meetings/961998>, as well as discussed by GAC. The policy implications could have far-reaching consequences for the DNS industry. Additionally the W3C presented on Decentralised Identifiers or DiDs, a new spec for persistent identifiers that can resolve via DNS. DiDs have wide potential for use in identity related solutions.

Internet Governance Work

ICANN Org published and discussed its proposal for ICANN Organization Engagement with Governments and Standards Bodies that establishes the principles for the ICANN Org's engagement with decision-makers outside of ICANN when they are creating policy that impacts ICANN's ability to fulfill its mission. In essence, the proposal includes the monitoring of relevant initiatives and the intention to provide technical information to the stakeholders and decision-makers.

The Global Commission on Stability in Cyberspace (cyberstability.org) presented its work in a session, outlining 8 norms for ensuring the safety and stability of cyberspace, without stifling digital innovation. The norms target both state and non-state actors to protect the "public core of the internet", including internet routing, the domain name system, certificates and trust, and communications cables.

ccNSO Council approved the charter of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance. Jordan is now a member and details are here of the group <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/workinggroups/iglc.htm>

ICANN's own multistakeholder model was on the table, with an 'evolution process' kicking off at the previous meeting. The previous CEO of the PIR (.org) registry, Brian Cute, is shepherding a community discussion on what the pressure points are. This work will continue during the rest of the year.

Takeouts for further action

Matters raised during the meeting that require attention or action by InternetNZ were:

- How much to do in engaging with the ICANN evolution process as it develops.
- Ongoing engagement in workshop groups and ccNSO

Individual focuses

In terms of our individual areas of focus:

Jordan's attention was on ccNSO participation (it was the meeting he joined the ccNSO Council, and so on-boarding there and a Council workshop took some time), and a range of stakeholder discussions.

Brent's attention was on compliance, privacy, website accessibility and representation of .nz on the retirement of ccTLD working group. The meeting was also an opportunity to discuss DomainTools litigation and liaise with Asia Pacific ccTLDs about .nz hosting APTLD in 2021. Brent attended a number of meetings with David Morrison on the sidelines of the formal meeting with prospective and current Registrars.

Ellen's attention was on supporting Council member participation, Internet Governance related discussions, engagement with Civil Society constituencies including At-Large and NCUC, and broader stakeholder discussions.

David's attention was on DNS Abuse and DNS Security best practices, The adoption of RDAP as a replacement to WHOIS, Emerging Identifiers technologies

such as DoH (DNS over HTTPS) and DiDs (Decentralised Identifiers) and engagement with channel partners - existing and potential

Council members attending were focused on gaining greater insight into what ICANN does, and what InternetNZ does at ICANN. As per policy on Council attendance, reports were provided direct to Council meeting from members on this trip.

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ICANN65

Marrakech

Delegation Report

Summary

The .nz delegation at ICANN's 65th public meeting, held in Marrakech, Morocco, comprised Jordan Carter and Brent Carey.

The meeting was a Policy Forum in format, the smallest of the annual ICANN meetings and overall was focused on working groups and constituency work, as well as some cross constituency engagement sessions.

Key themes and developments

As usual, the ICANN [Policy Report](#) and the CENTR [Meeting Report](#) are of interest. Key themes covered at the Policy Forum were:

- Ongoing development of the ccNSO's PDP on the retirement of ccTLDs.
- A report back to the ccNSO on the independent review of the organisation. This did not suggest radical changes, but had a welcome focus on diversity being important.
- EPDP and the implementation of GDPR requirements, with the Phase 2 discussions really under way.

- Discussion with AUDA on their recent reform process and policy aspects of opening the second level to direct registrations, which they will be implementing in the near future.
- Discussions about the upcoming election of a new ccNSO-appointed director on the ICANN Board (process happens around Montreal).
- The Internet Governance Liaison Committee of the ccNSO had its first meeting - the focus of this group will be information sharing, and we will participate on that basis.

Takeouts for further action

Matters raised during the meeting that require attention or action by InternetNZ were:

- Continuing watching brief on the ICANN evolution process.
- Watching brief on ICANN's strategy and assisting through the ccNSO's SOP Committee to make sure the organisation works to become more efficient, and stay in scope.
- New Zealand's representation at the GAC has been changing frequently. The representative at this meeting was different to the representative in Kobe, and there will be another change for representation at Montreal. We will liaise with MBIE on the impacts of this on New Zealand's ability to be effective at ICANN.
- The ccNSO's operating methods include a lot of reports back from other ICANN work streams. We will contribute to efforts to help drive reform to make the meetings more valuable, acknowledging that there are very diverse perspectives on what the ccNSO should focus its meetings on.

Individual focuses

Jordan's attention was on the ccNSO including his role as a ccNSO Council member. He also took the opportunity to liaise with colleagues from North America and Europe on a range of issues.

Brent's attention was on the retirement of ccTLDs as a member of the working group. He spent time with the Scandinavian registries (Sweden and Norway) as well as the Dutch and UK registries in relation to understanding their processes for dealing with terrorism related content, domain name suspension and cancellations and dispute resolution processes. At this meeting Brent also joined the cross community working groups on registrants rights and the closed working

group related to coordination of processes about the removal of Child Sexual Abuse Material.

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